Promotion of Ayurveda and other Indigenous Systems of Medicine

778. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWAR1: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to promote the Ayurveda and other indigenous systems of medicine as a complementary to Allopathy; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) Ayurveda and other Indian Systems of medicine are recognized as medical systems and are rendering public health care services according to their strengths in the therapeutics, preventive and promotive interventions. It is stated policy of the Government to integrate 1SM&H in health care delivery systems and national programmes.

Proposal of a hospital in Rajouri district

779. MIRZA ABDUL RASHID: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in Jammu and Kashmir, in between Poonch and Akhnoor at the district headquarter Rajouri a proposal for two-hundred bed hospital is under consideration as per recommendation of Tenth Finance Commission of India;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Honourable Prime Minister was kind enough to consider establishment of such a hospital at Rajouri when a deputation met him in Delhi few months back; and

(c) if so, the status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The proposal is under examination in this Ministry.

Methodology of advertising vacancies in AlIMS

780. SHRI V.V. RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies in different departments of AIIMS are not advertised properly;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) if not, the details of methodology of advertising the vacancies of Senior Residents during 2000 in dental department?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) The vacancies of Senior Residents are notified on the Notice Board of various Medical Colleges and major Government Hospitals in Delhi. One post of Senior Resident in the Department of Dental Surgery was notified in the month of August, 2000 and the same was filled up in the month of September, 2000.

Anthrax cases in the country

781. SHRI AHMED PA TEL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Anthrax cases do occur in the country and it is not the handiwrok of terrorists and mischief mongers alone;

(b) if so, the details of Anthrax cases in the country during the last three years, year-wise and State / UT-wise; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to combat bio-terrorism using Anthrax bacteria in the country, particularly in National Capital and Southern parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR); (a) Natural anthrax is endemic in some parts of the country. The data available with National Institute of Communicable Diseases (NICD) is given below:

States	1999		2000		2001	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Karnataka	8	5	Nil		4	2
West Bengal	Nil		43	3	Nil	

(c) A Statement is attached *(See* below,)